

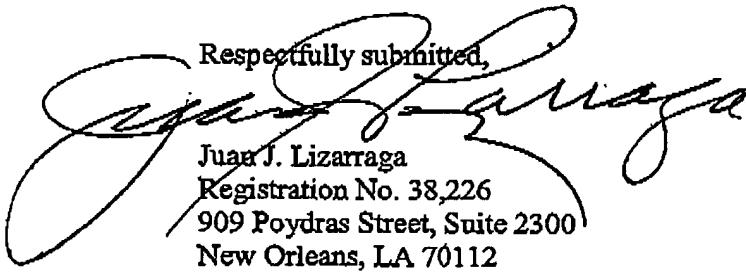
REMARKS

In Items 4 (c) and 4 (e) of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on May 17, 2006, the Examiner noted that each claim had not been provided with the proper status identifier and, more specifically, in the Continuation Sheet to Item 4 (e), the Examiner noted that claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 17 were identified as "Withdrawn" although not drawn to the non-elected invention. Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 17 have been re-identified as "Cancelled". The Examiner further noted that claims 18-25 were identified with a non-recognized identifier "Restricted". Claims 18-25 have been re-identified as "Withdrawn" as these were drawn to the non-elected invention. Finally, new claims 26-29 have been presented in clean version without underlining.

Conclusion

For all the reasons advanced above and the reasons advanced in the Amendment filed on 04 April 2006, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

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